



# North Dakota Homeland Security Anti-Terrorism Summary



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#### **NORTH DAKOTA**

Big changes ahead for 'Empire Builder'. Railroad officials said its not a matter of "if" but when the rising waters of Devils Lake will force suspension of Amtrak's service to Grand Forks, Devils Lake, and Rugby in North Dakota. Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) owns the line used by Amtrak's Empire Builder. A BNSF Spokeswoman said a 20-mile stretch of the tracks near Churchs ferry will face closure soon. "Our bridge inspectors are inspecting that bridge to ensure it is safe to operate, but we are also preparing and planning for when that is no longer able to be inspected that we work with Amtrak on an alternate route on an interim basis," the spokeswoman said. A detour route further south will run from Fargo to Minot with temporary bus service set up to cover the cities where service is suspended, an Amtrak employee said. "We will operate chartered motor coaches for about a month or so to represent the train to those three cities that will be losing service but in the end, we are not going to be able to sustain chartered motor coaches for a very long time. Again — along about a month — and we will operate without any scheduled stops then between Fargo and Minot," an Amtrak spokesman said. There is no specific date yet when service on the Empire Builder route will be suspended. Source: <a href="http://www.kfgo.com/fm-headline-news.php?pageNum">http://www.kfgo.com/fm-headline-news.php?pageNum</a> rsTSnews2=1&totalRows rsTSnews2=3767&ID=0000003937

OSHA to fine LM Wind Power \$136,500. In two days in October 2010, inside of wind-turbine blade No. 106, the amount of a hazardous substance called styrene reached 1,889 parts per million (ppm) and then 2,195 ppm, triggering air-quality alarms at LM Wind Power in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Workers were inside the confines of the giant blade, but a supervisor failed to get them out, according to the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Styrene is a hazardous chemical used in fiberglass production and the maximum exposure OSHA allows is 600 ppm. The October incident and several others throughout August and September at LM's plant led to proposed fines totaling \$136,500, which the agency announced April 25. The latest proposed fines, which LM can challenge, follows another set of proposed fines totaling \$92,000 for various incidents that contributed to the death of a worker in July. OSHA cited LM with four "serious" violations, with penalties totaling \$28,000; two "willful" violations, with penalties totaling \$70,000; and five "repeat" violations, with penalties totaling \$38,500. In one violation, OSHA said LM workers did not have proper protective equipment for working with styrene. "Severe chemical burns to the body were reported to the employer," the agency said. Source:

http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/201467/group/homepage/

#### **REGIONAL**

(Minnesota) FBI says Northfield Bank robber is suspect in Tuesday's bank robberies. The FBI believes the man who robbed the US Federal Credit Union in Northfield, Minnesota, April 14 is responsible for two other bank robberies and one attempted bank robbery April 26. In less than 2 hours April 26, the FBI believes the man made a stop at three banking establishments. It is also believed the same man robbed the Sterling Bank in Savage April 11. The alleged Northfield robber is

described as white and about 25-years-old, the FBI said. The man is about 5 feet 10 inches tall and between 190 and 210 pounds. He wore a black-hooded jacket, a dark mask that covered his face from below his nose, blue jeans, dark gloves, and black and white sneakers, the agent said. Source: <a href="http://northfield.patch.com/articles/faribault-bank-robbed-police-suspect-same-man-who-robbed-northfield-credit-union">http://northfield.patch.com/articles/faribault-bank-robbed-police-suspect-same-man-who-robbed-northfield-credit-union</a>

(Minnesota) Two more measles cases for Minnesota; both linked to outbreak. The Minnesota Department of Health reported April 27 two new cases of measles in the state, adding that both of the cases can be linked to an ongoing outbreak in Hennepin County. The health department also reported that a case previously identified as isolated is now considered part of the outbreak. A total of 21 measles cases this year can be linked to the case of a person infected in Kenya this winter, the health department said. There have been two other isolated cases in the state, bringing the 2011 tally for measles cases to 23. Between 2001 and 2010, there were a total of just 10 measles cases in the state. There have been 14 measles hospitalizations so far this year and no deaths, according to the health department. Source: http://www.twincities.com/ci 17939992?nclick check=1

(South Dakota) County to upgrade emergency pagers. More than 600 firefighters and ambulance personnel in Minnehaha County, South Dakota will get new digital pagers soon, thanks in part to changing federal regulations and a government grant. The Minnehaha County Commission April 26 approved using \$37,000 from a special county fund — referred to as the Fire Fund — to help pay the nearly \$165,000 cost of the new pagers. The rest of the money will come from the members of the Minnehaha County Fire Chief's Association, \$37,500, and a Homeland Security grant, \$90,000. The pagers will put the county in compliance with a Federal Communications Commission mandate for all emergency communications to go to what is called "narrow band" operations by January 1, 2013. Source: <a href="http://www.argusleader.com/article/20110427/NEWS/104270310/1001/County-upgrade-emergency-pagers">http://www.argusleader.com/article/20110427/NEWS/104270310/1001/County-upgrade-emergency-pagers</a>

#### **NATIONAL**

**U.S. expands Mexico travel warning.** The U.S. State Department expanded a warning against travel to Mexico because of increased violence in a wider area of the country. The new warning includes the Gulf of California resort area known as Rocky Point, and the area in Mexico around the border crossing near Nogales, just south of Tucson, Arizona. It warns of continued problems with violence and crime in popular tourist cities, such as Monterrey and Acapulco. A travel warning is the highest caution that the State Department can issue. It usually deals with civil unrest and long-term problems involving crime and violence. While most of the new warning centered on ever higher levels of violence in the areas of Ciudad Juarez, near El Paso, Texas, and Matamoros, near Brownsville, Texas, the long list of violent regions included Northern Baja California. The latest warning points out that hundreds of thousands of Americans visit popular tourist destinations in Mexico each year without any problems. The language was an attempt to differentiate between resorts such as Cancun and Cabo San Lucas and the violent border regions. Source:

http://www.sacbee.com/2011/04/25/3576821/us-expands-mexico-travel-warning.html

#### INTERNATIONAL

Morocco says Marrakesh blast an act of terrorism. Morocco said April 29 a bomb that killed 15 people, many of them foreigners, in its busiest tourist destination was a terrorist act. The blast ripped through a cafe overlooking Marrakesh's Jamaa el-Fnaa square, a spot often packed with foreign tourists, at lunch-time April 28. Moroccan officials have not said who was responsible but western security analysts said it was likely to have been the work of Islamist militants in an attempt to damage the tourism industry, one of the country's biggest sources of revenue. The interior ministry issued a statement saying 7 of the 15 dead had so far been identified. They included two French citizens, two Canadians, a Dutch national, and two Moroccans. The attack, in which 23 people were also wounded, is the deadliest Morocco has seen since suicide bombers killed 33 people in coordinated strikes on the business hub Casablanca 8 years ago. "Preliminary investigation ... suggests that this was a terrorist act caused by an explosive device," the official MAP news agency quoted the interior minister as saying. Source: <a href="http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/29/morocco-attack-idUSLDE73S15520110429">http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/29/morocco-attack-idUSLDE73S15520110429</a>

Major measles outbreak in Europe, WHO reports. Europe is experiencing a major outbreak of measles, with France hardest hit by three-quarters of the more than 6,500 cases reported in 33 nations, the World Health Organization (WHO) said April 21. WHO said there have been 4,937 reported cases in France between January and March — compared with 5,090 during all of 2010. WHO officials blamed the recent outbreak on a failure to vaccinate all children. "There's been a buildup of children who have not been immunized over the years," said the head of WHO's office in Copenhagen for vaccine-preventable diseases and immunization. WHO has found that young people between the ages of 10 and 19 have not been getting immunized as they should. To prevent measles outbreaks, officials must vaccinate about 90 percent of the population. But vaccination rates across Europe have been patchy in recent years and have never fully recovered from a discredited British study published in 1998 linking the vaccine for measles, mumps, and rubella to autism. Parents abandoned the vaccine in droves and vaccination rates for parts of the United Kingdom dropped to about 50 percent. The disease has become so widespread in Europe in recent years that travelers from the continent have exported the disease to regions including the United States and Africa. Spain reported more than 600 cases in Andalusia in two outbreaks since October: Sevilla had more than 350 cases; Granada, about 250 cases. Macedonia reported 636 cases since September, including 400 this year, with the capital, Skopje, most affected. WHO said outbreaks and rising case numbers also were reported in Britain, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Russia, and Switzerland. Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42701894/ns/health-health\_care/

Grand jury adds 4 to 'Mumbai massacre' indictment. There are new federal charges in Chicago, Illinois, against four top Pakistani terrorists in connection to the 4 days of attacks in Mumbai, India in 2008 at hotels, movie theaters and other businesses that killed 164 people and wounded at least 308, WLS reported April 25. The terror investigation in Chicago began 3 years ago when federal authorities arrested a mysterious North Sider who had attracted attention by traveling back and forth to Pakistan although he had no apparent means of paying for the trips, and the arrest of his friend and associate, a Chicago travel agent. Since then, the North Side man has pleaded guilty, the travel agent has prepared for trial, and a grand jury in Chicago added four top Pakistani terrorists to the case April 25.

One of the men has attracted the attention of U.S. counterterrorism agents for years. He is a Pakistan resident now in hiding. He joined the Pakistani terror group called Lashkar at age 16. He is now in his mid-30s, and has worked as a handler, taking American recruits and converting them to work as Muslim terrorists. He was assigned to the North Side Chicago man, who has pleaded guilty in connection with Mumbai and has submitted to hundreds of hours of interrogation by the FBI. There is also a warrant for the Pakistani's arrest in India. During the siege of Mumbai in 2008 that saw 10 coordinated shooting and bombing attacks, Indian federal police intercepted phone calls between the man and his terror teams in Mumbai. Even though the suspect was hundreds of miles away in Pakistan, according to Interpol, he is heard on the phone talking to some of the hostages in India and then giving orders to his gunmen to kill them. Source:

http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/iteam&id=8093318

U.S. orders partial evacuation of embassy in Syria. The United States late April 25 ordered embassy family members and some non-emergency personnel to leave Syria, citing the "uncertainty and volatility" of a crackdown on protesters there. The State Department's ordered departure, along with a travel warning telling U.S. citizens to leave Syria, followed another day of violent attacks on protesters by Syrian security forces. "The Department of State has ordered all eligible family members of U.S. government employees as well as certain non-emergency personnel to depart Syria," the statement said. "Embassy operations will continue to the extent possible under the constraints of an evolving security situation," it said. "Given the uncertainty and volatility of the current situation, U.S. citizens in Syria are advised to limit nonessential travel within the country," it said. About 390 people have been killed in security crackdowns since the protests erupted, rights activists and witnesses said. Source: <a href="http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20110425-711963.html">http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20110425-711963.html</a>

#### BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

Feds need more time to topple Coreflood botnet, exploring remote removal. Government efforts to take down the Coreflood botnet have had some success, but the Department of Justice (DOJ) asked a court April 23 for more time to defuse the situation. The agency said it will also provide remote removal of Coreflood from users' computers. Earlier in April, FBI and DOJ collaborated to block the spread of Coreflood, a botnet that had infected hundreds of thousands of PCs. Both agencies issued warrants for and seized five "command and control" servers used to control the botnet, made up of PCs that had been infected and remotely controlled. Twenty-nine domains were also seized. The government has since set up two substitute servers to respond to requests from infected computers. Officials in Estonia also seized several additional servers believed to be Coreflood predecessors. In the April 23 filing with a Connecticut district court, the U.S. attorney's office said the number of "beacons," or requests, from Coreflood in the United States dropped from 800,000 April 13 to just under 100,000 April 22. Beacons are not the same as number of computers infected because some computers re-start themselves during the day, thereby adding an extra beacon to the count. The actual number of infected computers is unknown, DOJ said. Nonetheless, the seizure has "temporarily stopped Coreflood from running on infected computers in the U.S., preventing further loss of privacy and damages to the financial security of owners and users of the infected computers," the DOJ said in its filing. It has also stopped Coreflood from updating itself, so antivirus vendors can release fixes. They "are no longer faced with a moving target and have been able to release virus signatures capable of detecting the latest versions of Coreflood," DOJ said. Despite this work, more time is needed to allow additional antivirus vendors to release signatures, as well as to notify victims.

The government has asked for a 30-day extension, until May 25. Source: http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2384447,00.asp

New wave of wire fraud strikes banks. Between March 2010 and April 2011, 20 incidents of wire fraud hit small and mid-sized U.S. businesses after online banking credentials were compromised. All of the transfers — typically ranging between \$50,000 to \$985,000 — were routed to Chinese economic and trade companies located near the Russian border. This news comes from an advisory issued by the FBI, the Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center, and the Internet Crime Complaint Center about the unauthorized wire transfers being routed to China. Most of the small-business victims hold accounts with community banks and credit unions, some of which use third-party service providers for online banking services. So far, the 20 incidents tracked by the FBI total \$20 million in fraudulent transfer attempts. Actual losses associated with fraudulent transactions, however, total \$11 million. Phishing appears to be the point of entry for most of the attacks. Source: <a href="http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?articles

#### **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

#### **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

(South Carolina) Police: shooting suspect had explosives, other weapons. Columbia, South Carolina police have released new details about a violent encounter with a man that left an officer wounded and a suspect dead. The details dealt with discoveries made after the death of the 22-year-old suspect. Police said he shot the officer during a traffic stop at 5 a.m. April 27. Investigators said the suspect then went back to his duplex. After spending an hour talking to police negotiators, officers said the suspect came out of the home, fired at police with an AK-47 rifle, and was shot by SWAT officers. According to information released April 28, state law enforcement division bomb squad units found homemade explosive devices on the suspect's body. They said inside the residence, they found other materials to make explosives. Investigators also said they found cocaine and other weapons in the home. There was also a woman in the home who had to be transported to the hospital after she became unresponsive. She is said to be cooperating with the investigation. The officer survived the shooting because he was wearing a bulletproof vest. He was treated and released from the hospital. Source: <a href="http://www.wltx.com/news/article/134616/2/Police-Shooting-Suspect-Had-Explosives-Other-Weapons">http://www.wltx.com/news/article/134616/2/Police-Shooting-Suspect-Had-Explosives-Other-Weapons</a>

(Washington) MLK parade bomb suspect charged with hate crime. A federal grand jury has added hate crimes to the charges against the man accused of placing a bomb along the planned route of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade in Spokane, Washington. The pair of indictments handed up April 21 accuse the man of violating the Federal Hate Crimes Act and using an explosive device to commit a hate crime. The 36-year-old pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction and unauthorized possession of an unregistered explosive device. The suspect is a U.S. Army veteran who lives near Addy, 50 miles north of Spokane. The bomb was found the morning of the parade January 17 and disabled before it could explode. No one was injured. The man's father has told reporters his son was with him the morning the bomb was found, and could not have planted the device. The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), which tracks hate groups, said the suspect made

more than 1,000 postings on an Internet site used by racists called the Vanguard News Network. The SPLC has also said the man belonged to a neo-Nazi group called the National Alliance. Source: http://www.katu.com/news/local/120430249.html

(Michigan) **Bomb removed from Port Huron park.** A Port Huron, Michigan police sergeant said members of the Michigan State Police (MSP) bomb squad were able to disable a pipe bomb using a robot April 25 in Gratiot Park. Police responded to the park shortly before 9 p.m. April 25 after a resident spotted the bomb near Cherry Street. The sergeant said two suspects, both Port Huron boys, were located. Pending further investigation, the case will be forwarded to the prosecutor's office and charges will be sought, he said. No injuries were reported in the incident. The sergeant said the bomb was taken back to the MSP crime lab. Source:

http://www.thetimesherald.com/article/20110426/NEWS05/110426005/Bomb-removed-from-Port-Huron-park-?odyssey=nav|head

(Colorado) Colorado authorities arrest suspect in Boulder for pipe bomb left at Denver-area shopping mall. A man suspected of leaving a pipe bomb and two propane tanks at a Denver, Colorado-area shopping mall April 20 was arrested 30 miles northwest in Boulder, Colorado, authorities said April 26. The 65-year-old was captured April 26 at a grocery store, a Boulder Police spokeswoman said. Authorities have been searching for the suspect since the explosives were discovered April 20 at the Southwest Plaza Mall. The bomb and tanks were found after a fire, but they did not detonate. No injuries were reported. The fire occurred on the 12th anniversary of the shootings at Columbine High School, which is about 2 miles from the mall. Authorities also noted that the times of the mall fire and the Columbine shootings were similar, as was the use of a pipe bomb and propane tanks, which were used during the attack at the school in 1999 that killed 12 students and a teacher. However, the FBI said April 25 the fire was likely not related to Columbine. Investigators said they found a motive but have not released additional information. Source: <a href="http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/5a7f6acca5ad4b27aa3f90a80426f7c6/US--Colorado-Mall-Fire/">http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/5a7f6acca5ad4b27aa3f90a80426f7c6/US--Colorado-Mall-Fire/</a>

#### **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

NTSB restores online safety recommendations database. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recently restored Web access to its safety recommendations database, which had been offline for about 5 months. The database has been audited and verified, and features a few non-visible changes designed to improve information accuracy, according to the NTSB. To date, the database includes 13,450 total safety recommendations, 2,156 railroad and transit recommendations, and 239 open-status recommendations from railroads, transit agencies, governments and associations, according to the NTSB. Source: <a href="http://www.progressiverailroading.com/news/article/NTSB-restores-online-safety-recommendations-database--26428">http://www.progressiverailroading.com/news/article/NTSB-restores-online-safety-recommendations-database--26428</a>

(West Virginia) Thieves cut cable wires at department of agriculture. Cable thieves are to blame for cutting off West Virginia's Department of Agriculture's headquarters from the outside world April 25, an official said. When employees arrived for work at the department's Guthrie headquarters, they discovered all external communications had been severed. Thieves cut the wires leading to the department's headquarters — located about 10 miles north of Charleston — in an attempt to strip copper from the utility cables, the department spokesman said. When the thieves cut the copper

phone lines, they also severed the fiber optic data lines that provide online service to the headquarters. As a result, department employees had no way to call or e-mail anyone outside their building. The department of agriculture's Web site was also down as a result of the outage. Information technology staffers were able to forward incoming office calls to staff cell phones, so no employees were sent home as a result of the outage. The department expected service to be restored by the afternoon of April 27. Source: <a href="http://www.dailymail.com/News/201104251065">http://www.dailymail.com/News/201104251065</a>

#### **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

Floods, tornados, power outages hit mills. Deadly tornadoes swept across the southern United States late April 27, killing at least 280 people and leaving a path of destruction through one of the country's biggest steelmaking regions. The storms and twisters cut raw material supplies and left some major U.S. steelmakers struggling with power outages. Most plants suffered only minor damage or none at all, although one Alabama tube mill was devastated. Source: <a href="http://www.metalbulletin.com/Article/2815972/Carbon-steel/AMM-Floods-tornados-power-outages-hit-mills.html">http://www.metalbulletin.com/Article/2815972/Carbon-steel/AMM-Floods-tornados-power-outages-hit-mills.html</a>

Kia recalls small cars due to fuel tank problem. Kia Motors Corp. is recalling more than 58,000 Spectra compact cars registered in cold-weather states because the gas tanks could drop to the ground and cause a fire. The recall affects Spectra LD models from the 2004 to 2007 model years in 20 states and Washington, D.C., the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said on its Web site April 29. The cars, built from November 7, 2003, through March 6, 2007, have straps that hold the gas tank to the frame. When exposed to road salt, the straps can rust and the tank can fall to the ground, causing a fuel leak and possibly a fire. Documents filed with NHTSA did not state whether the problem had caused any fires or injuries. Dealers will replace the fuel tank straps with zinc-coated parts at no cost to owners. Kia will mail letters to car owners in June, after dealers get parts to fix the problem. Source:

http://customwire.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\_KIA\_RECALL?SITE=NDBIS&SECTION=HOME&TEMPL ATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2011-04-29-09-18-37

**Toyota recalling about 51,000 Tundra trucks.** Toyota is recalling about 51,000 of its Tundra trucks to inspect rear drive shafts that may include a component that could break. Toyota Motor Sales USA Inc. said April 26 an estimated 0.5 percent of the vehicles may have a faulty slip yoke because of improper casting during the foundry process. The company is aware of one slip yoke failure. There are no reports of accidents or injuries related to the condition. The recall involves only Tundras from the 2011 model year. Recall notification letters will be sent out starting in May and will be available on Toyota's Web site. Source: <a href="http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9MRG2Q01.htm">http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9MRG2Q01.htm</a>

Toro recalls Power Clear Snowblowers and Recycler Mowers due to fire or burn hazard. The Toro Company, of Bloomington, Minnesota, issued a recall April 26 for 18,000 Toro Power Clear Snowblowers and 6,000 Toro 20" Recycler Mowers. The carburetors on both products develop fuel leaks and can ignite when exposed to an ignition source, posing a fire or burn hazard. There have been about 500 reports of carburetor leaks. There were no reports of fire or injury. The snowblowers and mowers were sold at Toro dealers in the United States from September 2009 to March 2011. Source: http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11207.html

Nissan to recall 195,000 Pathfinder, QX4 SUVs in cold weather states. Nissan Motor Co. will recall at least 195,000 Pathfinder and Infiniti QX4 SUVs sold in 20 cold-weather states over concerns rust could cause the steering column to break and cause a crash. Nissan said in a notice posted on a government Web site April 23 the recall of 162,658 1996-2004 Pathfinder and 33,333 1997-2003 Infiniti QX4 vehicles includes those sold or currently registered in 20 states that use heavy amounts of road salt and could face steering problems because of corrosion issues. Source: <a href="http://www.detnews.com/article/20110424/AUTO01/104240321/1361/Nissan-to-recall-195-000-Pathfinder--QX4-SUVs-in-cold-weather-states">http://www.detnews.com/article/20110424/AUTO01/104240321/1361/Nissan-to-recall-195-000-Pathfinder--QX4-SUVs-in-cold-weather-states</a>

#### **DEFENSE / INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

Broomfield man charged with giving defense data to South Korea. A Broomfield, Colorado man was charged the week of April 18 with providing technical defense data to South Korea. The man pleaded not guilty April 21 and was released on a personal recognizance bond, according to a news release from the U.S. attorney's office in Denver. The data in question is related to a Lens No. 3 RTS and a Prism/Lens No. 3 assembly, according to the news release. The data is on the U.S. Munitions List, which is regulated by the U.S. State Department. The man did not have the necessary license or written permission to share the information, according to the news release. If convicted, he could face up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$1 million. Upon conviction, the government also is seeking any proceeds from the data transfer or a judgment of \$36,000. The case was investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations, and the Defense Criminal Investigative Service. Source: <a href="http://www.broomfieldenterprise.com/ci">http://www.broomfieldenterprise.com/ci</a> 17924387

#### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

(Arizona) US weighs option of extending Guard's deployment to border. The U.S. President's administration is having second thoughts about withdrawing all National Guard troops from the border by the end of June. The National Guard Bureau in Virginia is asking Arizona officials for input on "different courses of action" for what to do about the 560 soldiers now assigned to bordersecurity duty in Arizona, part of 1,200 troops placed along the entire Mexican border. An Arizona National Guard lieutenant said April 26 that one option is to extend the mission. And the DHS Secretary in an interview with Reuters said the Administration is weighing whether to keep troops there to tamp down border violence. Federal funding runs out in June. But the Arizona National Guard lieutenant said it is necessary to start the "ramp-down" process by the middle of next month to ensure everything is wrapped up by that date. Sensing a possible opportunity, Arizona's governor sent a letter to the President outlining accomplishments of Arizona Guard troops. DHS officials said the agency has completed 649 miles of fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border, including 299 miles of vehicle barriers, and 350 miles of pedestrian fence. And the governor repeated a call she made 2 years ago to put another 250 soldiers along the border as part of a separate, ongoing Joint Counter Narco-Terrorism Task Force. There are currently 150 soldiers in that program. Source: http://azstarnet.com/news/local/border/article d5d5721d-1547-5aa3-b346-32b4bbce80aa.html

(Florida) **Second suspect arrested in justice center incident.** Detectives in Florida arrested a second suspect, a 60-year-old Englewood man, believed to be involved in the Charlotte County Justice Center HAZMAT evacuation April 21. The suspect was wanted for giving a 67-year-old man an envelope

containing a suspected chemical agent to deliver to a judge during the 67-year-old man's traffic-related hearing April 21, according to investigators. Shortly after 8 a.m., the Englewood man reportedly drove the accomplice and his wife to the justice center. The accomplice then handed the envelope to the judge, prompting authorities to evacuate the building, according to an incident report. The 67-year-old man was arrested a short time later. HAZMAT officials sealed the envelope and turned it over the Charlotte County Health Department to transport to Tampa for further analysis of the contents. The minivan was towed to the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office for inspection, then released back to the owner. Source: <a href="http://www.nbc-2.com/story/14497052/man-wanted-in-justice-center-hazmat-incident">http://www.nbc-2.com/story/14497052/man-wanted-in-justice-center-hazmat-incident</a>

#### **ENERGY**

Stuxnet-like attacks beckon as 50 new SCADA threats discovered. Cyber criminals appear to be ramping up their interest in industrial control systems after research from application security management firm Idappcom found 52 new threats in March targeted at supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems of the sort hit by the Stuxnet worm. The chief technology officer at Idapprom told V3.co.uk that hackers could be going for the systems as they are typically less well defended than more mainstream public facing IT systems. SCADA systems are typically found in a variety of industrial plants ranging from water and waste treatment to food and pharmaceuticals and even nuclear power plants. As such, they play a vital role in the monitoring and production of key products and services, and could represent an attractive target for hacktivists seeking notoriety, or cyber criminals looking to extort money by threatening to disrupt the systems. "We quickly realized this was too much of a significant blip to be an anomaly. It may be an indicator towards a worrying trend," said Idappcom's chief technology officer. "Our records go back to 2004 and I've never recorded any sort of significant blip on the radar in an area like this previously." Many of the exploits discovered by Idappcom center around denial-of-service attacks directly targeting input validation techniques, which are able to repeatedly bring control systems to a halt, he explained. SCADA systems are often at greater risk because they are connected to legacy operating systems such as Windows 95 for which there are no service packs or automatic updates. "These systems are clearly not being monitored and maintained by network infrastructure teams," he said. "They are not updating or service packing them or showing them the same attention as their public facing services." Source: http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2045556/stuxnet-attacks-beckon-scada-threats-discovered

#### **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

Foot and mouth disease the ultimate agroterrorism threat. "We know that terrorist groups are interested" in using unconventional agents against the food and agricultural sector, an intelligence analyst with the FBI told an audience April 26 at the FBI International Symposium on Agriculture. No one has unleashed a biological agent, such as foot and mouth disease, against the livestock sector, but there have been instances of attacks on the food system. For instance, in 1984, the Rajneeshee religious cult in Oregon spiked the salad bars at several restaurants with Salmonella typhimurium. It sickened 751 people. Targeting the food supply creates fear; it diminishes confidence in the sector that has been attacked, the FBI analyst said. And, the economic impact of a biological attack on the livestock sector would be huge. If there was one disease that scares livestock producers and security

experts alike, it is foot and mouth disease. An animal scientist at the University of California-Chico and other experts advise dairy producers to learn the signs of foot and mouth disease and report anything suspicious to a veterinarian as quickly as possible. Veterinarians then need to get laboratory conformation, since the symptoms of food and mouth disease can appear similar to other diseases, such as vesicular stomachitis virus, and swine vesicular disease. The blisters that accompany these diseases look similar to one another. Source: <a href="http://www.dairyherd.com/dairy-news/latest/Foot-and-mouth-disease-the-ultimate-agroterrorism-threat--120748459.html">http://www.dairyherd.com/dairy-news/latest/Foot-and-mouth-disease-the-ultimate-agroterrorism-threat--120748459.html</a>

Food-based bioterrorism a growing threat to U.S., experts say. The United States imports much of its food from other nations, giving terrorists multiple avenues for attempting to lace goods with harmful substances for potential consumption by U.S. residents, the Kansas City Star reported April 27. Experts at a conference on agroterrorism said it is growing more difficult to safeguard consumers here from food that has been accidentally or deliberately contaminated. While new U.S. regulations and enhanced monitoring by domestic food suppliers of their products have addressed the potential for such an attack, threats remain from food sources imported into the country. Approximately one half of the U.S. food supply comes from another nation. "There are more firms registered with the Food and Drug Administration to supply food to the U.S. from outside the country than there are inside the country," the deputy director of National Center for Food Protection and Defense said. Source: http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw 20110427 6562.php

(California) TB detected in Calif. cow headed to slaughter. California and federal officials said April 26 they detected bovine tuberculosis in a dairy cow from a San Bernardino County herd during a routine examination at a slaughterhouse. A suspicious mass on the cow tested positive for the disease March 25, and three other animals in the same herd were later identified as also being infected, a California Department of Food and Agriculture spokesman said. The discovery does not pose a risk to humans because almost all milk sold in California is pasteurized, which kills tuberculosis, a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) spokesman said. Cows at the state's two raw-milk dairies are regularly tested for the disease, according to a joint statement by the state and USDA. Other animals in the herd found to be infected were slaughtered and all the animals they came into contact with are also tested, the USDA spokesman said. All cattle designated for consumption are inspected for signs of tuberculosis at the slaughterhouse and are rejected if they show signs of it. The last known case of bovine tuberculosis in California was in 2009. Source: <a href="http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/TB-detected-in-Calif-cow-headed-to-slaughter-1353311.php">http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/TB-detected-in-Calif-cow-headed-to-slaughter-1353311.php</a>

(Massachusetts) Jonathan's Sprouts owners voluntarily expand sprout recall. Jonathan's Sprouts announced April 22 it has voluntarily expanded its recall to include all of its alfalfa sprouts products as an extra precaution until company officials are sure there is no risk of salmonella contamination. Earlier in the week, several alfalfa sprouts products from the Rochester, Massachusetts business were recalled after a routine sample taken by a federal government program tested positive for salmonella. The owners were waiting for the results of follow-up testing conducted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). No illnesses attributed to the products have been reported, the FDA said in its announcement April 19. The expanded recall extends to all alfalfa sprout products, regardless of sell-by date, or whether the products are organic or conventional. The original announcement by the FDA specifically excluded organic products from the recall.Source: <a href="http://www.southcoasttoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110423/NEWS/104230325/-1/NEWS10">http://www.southcoasttoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110423/NEWS/104230325/-1/NEWS10</a>

(North Carolina) Cucumber recall: Some of the South Florida harvested vegetables reshipped to Florida. L&M Companies, Inc. of Raleigh, North Carolina, recalled 1,590 cartons of whole cucumbers because the shipment had the potential to be contaminated with salmonella. The recalled product was directly distributed by L&M Companies between March 30 and April 7 to wholesalers in New York (200 cartons), Florida (591 cartons), Illinois (139 cartons), Indiana (30 cartons) and Tennessee (15 cartons), and one retailer with distribution centers in Mississippi (420 cartons), Nebraska (92 cartons), Texas (2 cartons) and Wyoming (101 cartons). Despite the limited direct distribution of the one recalled lot, L&M issued a nationwide recall out of an abundance of caution because the company recognized the possibility wholesale customers could have redistributed the product in states beyond those listed above. The recalled lot of bulk cucumbers was harvested March 29 in South Florida, and according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Quick Reference for Market Inspectors, cucumbers typically maintain an edible quality for 10-14 days after harvest. Source: http://www.orlandosentinel.com/os-cucumber-recall-florida-20110424,0,5299179.story

(California; Idaho; Wisconsin) Antibiotic drug warning to dairies in three states. Warning letters on March 25, March 28, and April 6 put dairy farms in California, Idaho, and Wisconsin on notice about misuse of animal antibiotics. In each case, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said it turned to the testing the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service does on animal tissues after slaughter to determine what, if any, animal drug residues are still found in the meat. The three antibiotics FDA said turned up in tests of animals from these dairy farms were all common, and included: Flunixin, also known as flunixin meglumine, is a nonsteroidal anti-fammatory agent; Ampicillin is a beta-lactam antibiotic used for 50 years to treat bacterial infections; And sulfadimethoxine is a sulfonamide antibiotic. In finding that residues of the drugs were at levels much higher than tolerance levels, FDA said each dairy was holding animals under conditions that were "so inadequate that medicated animals bearing potentially harmful drug residues are likely to enter the food supply." Each dairy farm was given 15 working days to inform FDA of the steps it is taking to bring its operations into compliance. Source: <a href="http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/04/animal-antibiotic-drug-abuse-at-dairies-in-three-states/">http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/04/animal-antibiotic-drug-abuse-at-dairies-in-three-states/</a>

# GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

Violent threats to Congress surged last year. Threats of violence against members of Congress surged in 2010 mostly because of the contentious debate on sweeping legislation to extend health care insurance to all Americans, according to a report in The Hill. The FBI investigated at least 26 instances of violent threats in 2010 against members of Congress, the newspaper that covers Congress reported. The Hill, which based its reports on interviews and documents obtained from the FBI using the Freedom of Information Act, said the number of threats against lawmakers last year was the most on record. Source:

http://content.usatoday.com/communities/onpolitics/post/2011/04/congress-threats-violence-health-care-/1

(Missouri) National Guard base sustains \$10 million in damage. The Missouri Air National Guard determined a tornado April 22 in St. Louis caused more than \$10 million in damage, leaving several

buildings at the facility in need of serious repair and the base covered in debris. The Missouri Air National Guard base is home to the 131st Mission Support Group and several tenant units — about 350 military personnel. The first round of tornado sirens began at 7:30 p.m. and the storm rolled in around 8 p.m., the Missouri Air National Guard said April 26. While the north side of the base went largely untouched, 16 buildings on the south side were hard hit and sustained damage. Airport luggage carts from nearby Lambert Airport were blown onto the base. An antenna array sitting atop one of the base buildings was bent in half. The base suffered from the same level of damage as the neighborhoods that surround it — downed power lines, collapsed walls, and cars that were tossed around like toys. Nearly 150 civilian and military personnel are involved in cleanup and recovery efforts at the base. A commanding officer said she expects the base to be between 75 and 100 percent operational by no later than May 1. Full repairs are expected to take a year at the 46-acre facility. Source: <a href="http://www.ksdk.com/news/article/256437/3/National-Guard-base-sustains-10-million-in-damage">http://www.ksdk.com/news/article/256437/3/National-Guard-base-sustains-10-million-in-damage</a>

(Missouri) Missouri Air National Guard base damaged in tornado. The tornado that struck north St. Louis County, Missouri April 22 damaged the Missouri Air National Guard base at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. Air National Guard officials said they were conducting a damage assessment at the base, which is home to the 131st Mission Support Group and several tenant units. "We have 16 buildings on the south side of the base that were damaged, and we are moving offices and equipment to non-damaged structures," the commanding officer of the 131st said. Source: <a href="http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/news/2011/04/25/air-national-guard-base-damaged-in.html">http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/news/2011/04/25/air-national-guard-base-damaged-in.html</a>

(Oregon) Oregon National Guard Sgt. pleads guilty to theft. An Oregon Army National Guard sergeant accused of stealing and reselling military body armor pleaded guilty April 25 in Portland to theft of government property. The Oregonian reports the 30-year-old man from Gresham will be sentenced August 1 in federal court. Investigators with the Defense Department and FBI estimated the value of military equipment stolen from the Gresham armory at more than \$15,000. An informant said the body armor was destined for an outlaw motorcycle gang in California. Source: <a href="http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/default/article/Oregon-National-Guard-Sgt-pleads-guilty-to-theft-1352830.php">http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/default/article/Oregon-National-Guard-Sgt-pleads-guilty-to-theft-1352830.php</a>

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Targeted phish frags XBox gamers. Microsoft has warned users of Xbox Live to be wary of targeted phishing scams that attempt to trick users into handing over gamer tags and passwords. The latest online gaming scam is more carefully targeted and subtler than most. Gamers are induced to hand over log-in credentials while playing the popular first-person shooter Modern Warfare 2 via "title specific messages", Microsoft warns via a status update on its Xbox Support Web site. The scam appears to rely on a game modification that allows users to post chat messages onscreen that resemble those posted ingame by developers. These messages link to a phishing Web site that invite users to hand over log-in credentials. Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/04/28/xbox targetted phishing/

Researchers crack Nikon image authentication system. ElcomSoft researched Nikon's Image Authentication System, a secure suite validating if an image has been altered since capture, and discovered a major vulnerability in the manner the secure image signing key is handled. This allowed the company to extract the original signing key from a Nikon camera. The vulnerability, when exploited, makes it possible to produce manipulated images with a fully valid authentication signature. ElcomSoft was able to successfully extract the original image signing key and produce a set of forged images that successfully pass validation with Nikon Image Authentication Software. Source: <a href="http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10960">http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10960</a>

'Blackhole' attack tool spreads across the Internet. An online attack tool known as Blackhole has stormed onto the market in the first part of 2011 and is being used for large-scale attacks, according to experts. Security vendor AVG said in its latest quarterly security report that the Blackhole Exploit Kit, which targets flaws and allows an attacking machine access to a vulnerable system, has become a favorite tool among cyber criminals in recent months. Use of the malware spiked in February, in some cases rising as high as 800,000 attack attempts per day. The kit was also used for a large-scale attack on U.K. Web users. Blackhole accounted for 44 percent of malware detections collected by AVG in the first quarter, and for more than 86 percent of attack toolkit deployments. The AVG report also highlighted a jump in Android malware, particularly in China, where an Android firmware update was repackaged with additional code on marketplace sites in March. AVG estimates that roughly 0.2 percent of Android applications are malicious, and that users have potentially logged as many as 7.8 million malicious application downloads. The company also found attackers have increased their attacks on social networking services. Social engineering scams, which trick users into clicking on misleading links and visiting third-party sites, have greatly increased in frequency over the past year, with Facebook being a particularly attractive target. Source: http://www.v3.co.uk/v3uk/news/2045303/blackhole-attack-tool-threatening-users

DHS chief: What we learned from Stuxnet. If there is a lesson to be learned from 2010's Stuxnet worm, it is the private sector must be able to respond quickly to cyber-emergencies, the head of DHS said April 25. "The key thing we learned from Stuxnet was the need for rapid response across the private sector," she told engineering students at the University of California, Berkeley. "There, we need to increase the rapidity of response, because in that area — as in several other recent attacks — we've seen very, very sophisticated, very, very novel ways of attacking. When you're getting at control systems, now you're really talking [about] taking things over, so this is an area of deep concern for us." Stuxnet was a watershed event, according to the Secretary. When Stuxnet hit, DHS was sent scrambling to analyze the threat. Systems had to be flown in from Germany to the federal government's Idaho National Laboratory. In short order the worm was decoded, but for some time, many companies that owned Siemens equipment were left wondering what, if any measures, they should take to protect themselves from the new worm. Both Siemens and the DHS group responsible for communicating with operators of industrial systems (the Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team, or ICS-CERT) could have been better at getting information out to the public, a security expert said. Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216166/DHS chief What we learned from Stuxnet

**Lawmakers quiz Apple, Google about location tracking.** A U.S. Senator from Minnesota and the attorney general of Illinois have separately pressed Apple and Google to provide more information

about the location data they collect about their end users. The requests from the politicians follow recent reports Google and Apple have been collecting data about the location of Android and iPhone users without their permission. While both companies ask permission before collecting the location data required for certain applications, the reports, starting with one in the Wall Street Journal, show the companies also collect location information when not required to do so by an application. The attorney general said she has asked the companies to explain what information they store, for how long they store it, and what it is used for. The Senator April 25 asked representatives from Google and Apple to attend a hearing May 10 about protecting mobile privacy. Also, two consumers filed a lawsuit in Florida April 22 that charges Apple with fraud over the alleged data collection. In addition, a U.S. Congressman from Massachusetts said he wrote to Apple's CEO the week of April 18 with questions about the company's data collection practices. Apple has not commented on the matter. Google said it does not collect location information without user permission. Source: <a href="http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216164/Lawmakers quiz Apple Google about location tracking">http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216164/Lawmakers quiz Apple Google about location tracking</a>

#### **NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS**

(Texas) One Texas wildfire almost contained. The Possum Kingdom Lake wildfire was 90 percent contained April 27, the Texas Forest Service (TFS) reported. The fire, formed when four blazes merged about 80 miles west of Fort Worth, Texas, spread across almost 127,000 acres in two counties and burned 167 houses and two churches. Hundreds of firefighters have been on the scene for several weeks. There were 17 large fires burning in the state April 27, covering more than 500,000 acres, the TFS said. Seven new fires were reported April 26. Texas has had some of the most dangerous fire conditions in its history this spring. A long drought has left grass and scrub with little resistance to fire, and the weather has been hot, dry, and windy most of the time. Fires have burned about 1.5 million acres in 2011. Source: <a href="http://www.upi.com/Top\_News/US/2011/04/27/One-Texas-wildfire-almost-contained/UPI-81701303954721/">http://www.upi.com/Top\_News/US/2011/04/27/One-Texas-wildfire-almost-contained/UPI-81701303954721/</a>

#### POSTAL AND SHIPPING

(Utah) Haz-mat crew called to fed building over suspicious substance. A hazardous materials crew was dispatched to the James V. Hansen Federal Building in Ogden, Utah April 28 after a suspicious substance was found in a letter. It happened just after noon. The haz-mat crew was unable to identify the substance and it was sent to the FBI for further testing. Internal Revenue Service workers who were in the immediate vicinity of the substance were quarantined, then decontaminated before they were allowed to leave. Source: <a href="http://ogden.fox13now.com/news/news/haz-mat-crew-called-fed-building-over-suspicious-substance/52984">http://ogden.fox13now.com/news/news/haz-mat-crew-called-fed-building-over-suspicious-substance/52984</a>

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Salmonella outbreak linked to microbiology labs. One person is dead and at least 10 have been hospitalized in an outbreak of salmonella poisonings linked to clinical and teaching microbiology laboratories across the nation, government health officials reported. Some 73 people in 35 states have been sickened by the bacteria since August, including some by a strain of Salmonella Typhimurium sold commercially for use in lab settings, the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention (CDC) said April 28. The ill include students and employees of the labs, as well as children who live in households of people who study or work at the labs. CDC officials warned that bacteria used in the labs can be transmitted through contaminated lab coats, pens, notebooks, car keys, and other items brought into the labs. Illnesses likely began August 20, 2010, with the most recent illnesses reported March 8, the CDC report said. Ill patients ranged in age from less than 1 to 91, with a median age of 24. Cases that developed after March 19 may not yet be included in the total because of the lag time in assessing and reporting illness. Illnesses have been tied to labs from Alaska to New York, with most reporting one or two cases. Five cases have been reported in Washington state and four in Minnesota. The CDC is working with local and state health departments, the American Society for Microbiology, and the Association of Public Health Laboratories to track the outbreak. Source: <a href="http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42812122/ns/health-infectious\_diseases/">http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42812122/ns/health-infectious\_diseases/</a>

Landmark agreement improves global preparedness for flu pandemics. An open-ended workinggroup of member states of the World Health Assembly coordinated by the World Health Organization (WHO) "successfully agreed upon a framework to ensure that in a pandemic, influenza virus samples will be shared with partners who need the information to take steps to protect public health," the group declared following a meeting the week of April 18. "The new framework includes certain binding legal regimes for WHO, national influenza laboratories around the world and industry partners in both developed and developing countries that will strengthen how the world responds more effectively with the next flu pandemic," said a WHO statement. The group said that "during an influenza outbreak, knowing the exact makeup of the virus is critical for monitoring the spread of the disease, for knowing the potential of the virus to cause a pandemic and for creating the life-saving vaccines as well as other technological benefits." However, the WHO noted that developing countries often have limited access to vaccines for several reasons, specifically: They often do not have their own manufacturing capacity; global supplies can be limited when there is a surge in demand as is seen during pandemics; and vaccines can often be priced out of the reach of some countries. Under the new framework, international cooperation in the event of another global pandemic "will help ensure more equitable access to affordable vaccines and at the same time, also guarantee the flow of virus samples into the WHO system so that the critical information and analyses needed to assess public health risks and develop vaccines are available," the group's statement said. Source: http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/landmark-agreement-improves-globalpreparedness-for-flu-pandemics/f5000c2e4a57474ad32fa6712c1c2a9b.html

10.8 million affected by major breaches. The federal list of major healthcare information breaches that have occurred since September 2009 now includes 265 cases affecting a total of more than 10.8 million individuals. In the past month, 16 incidents that occurred in 2010 or 2011 were added to the tally, which the Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights (OCR) regularly updates. These include the largest breach on the list so far — the Health Net incident, which affected 1.9 million — and a breach at Eisenhower Medical Center, which affected more than 500,000. Although only 11 incidents that occurred this year have made it to the federal list so far, those cases affected a combined total of 2.5 million. At least four state agencies are investigating the Health Net incident in January, which involved hard drives missing from a data center managed by IBM. These cases have placed a spotlight on the need to take adequate precautions to keep data centers physically secure and to protect backup tapes with encryption. In an interview, a security expert of SecureState said any device or media that stores sensitive patient data, including backup tapes, should be encrypted. To help call attention to the value of encryption and other protections, the

Privacy and Security Tiger Team has recommended that participants in Stage 2 of the HITECH Act electronic health record incentive program be required to verify how they protect stored patient information. Source: http://www.govinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art\_id=3576&opg=1

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Boeing plant lapse eyed in jet tear probe. U.S. investigators suspect a manufacturing lapse at a Boeing Co. plant 15 years ago could be to blame for a midair tear in a Southwest Airlines Co aircraft earlier in April, the Wall Street Journal reported on its Web site April 24. The Boeing 737 was heading from Phoenix, Arizona, to Sacramento, California, April 1, when a 5-foot tear opened up 20 minutes after takeoff along the roof just above the left wing. The incident led U.S. regulators ordering airlines to inspect older model Boeing 737 aircraft for cracks. Southwest found fuselage cracks in five other older Boeing 737-300 aircraft in its fleet. The paper reported the fuselages are built at a Kansas factory that Boeing owned in 1996. Investigators led by the National Transportation Safety Board are looking into the potential impact of riveting techniques and certain sealants going back to around that time, the Journal said, citing government and industry officials. They are also looking at tools used to hold aircraft parts during assembly, the paper said, adding that officials said it was too early to draw final conclusions. Source: <a href="http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/25/uk-boeing-idUSLNE73000N20110425">http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/25/uk-boeing-idUSLNE73000N20110425</a>

NTSB urges fatigue-fighting strategies for air traffic controllers. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) hopes air traffic controllers may soon benefit from long-standing research into worker fatigue by implementing strategies that include intentional sleeping on the job, the use of caffeine, and other methods shown by science to deal with the overnight shift. "A controlled nap can boost performance significantly," an NTSB board member said at an April 25 briefing. Citing a 1995 study from National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) that has been backed by other research, he said, "A 26-minute nap improved performance 34 percent and alertness 54 percent" The study prompted an advisory that has been adopted by some international air carriers to keep pilots more alert in the cockpit. The measures were not moved forward by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Congressional lawmakers may soon consider legislation reauthorizing the FAA that includes provisions addressing fatigue. NTSB's recommendations followed a cross-country listening tour of air traffic controllers. The board's advice was issued to federal and other agencies. Source: http://www.cnn.com/2011/TRAVEL/04/25/ntsb.fatigue/index.html

#### **WATER AND DAMS**

Nothing Significant to Report

#### NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

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